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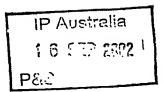
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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

BOOKMARK

The invention is described in the following statement:



BOOKMARK

This invention relates to a bookmark for use principally in indicating a place in a book.

The word "book" is to be construed broadly as including magazines, manuscripts, a pile of papers, cards etc.

Conventional bookmarks can be strips of paper, sometimes heavy paper and sometimes bearing a message of some sort. Alternatively they can be of flexible leather or cloth or plastics material.

Whatever material they are constructed from, known bookmarks merely indicate that the reader's place in a book is selected from some place in either page. It would be desirable if the bookmark indicated the relevant page and the relevant line or line number.

Accordingly, this invention provides a bookmark which is:

(a) relatively elongate;

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- (b) is provided with securing means adapted to be removably positioned with respect to at least one page of a book; and
- (c) is provided with movable means to locate information such as a particular line or lines of text or a particular figure, diagram or photograph.

Since books are generally rectangular in format, the bookmark is relatively elongate.

- For example, the bookmark may be rectangular and may have the following dimensions :
 - 175mm X 40mm for normal sized paperback books, bibles and some hard cover books;
 - · 230mm X 40mm for text books and other hardcover books; or
- 275mm X 40mm for magazines, phone books and large text books.

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The securing means according to the invention desirably takes the form of a clip or tab to position it with respect to a page of the book. Thus the bookmark may be made of strong, flexible card or flexible plastics material and the clip or tab may be punched or cut out of such material. Thus the clip or tab may fit over the top of a page to secure the bookmark to the page. It should be kept in mind that the bookmark according to the invention can also be secured to the side of a page.

The movable means according to the invention desirably fits around the remainder of the bookmark. For example, if the bookmark is rectangular in shape, the movable means may fit around and over the remainder of the bookmark and slide up and down thus indicating the position of the text, line, figure, diagram or photograph.

More than one movable means may be located on the bookmark making it possible to indicate more than one section of text, line, figure, diagram or photograph.

The bookmark according to the invention may be provided with space for notes or diagrams, for example, where a student is studying a textbook. Thus the bookmark may be made of card or of wipable plastics material.

The plastics material may be clear or coloured. For example, it may be made from thin, flexible sheets of poly (ethylene terephthalate) or poly (vinyl chloride).

The bookmark according to the invention is of particular value in marking one's place in a recipe when cooking or baking.

Another particular use of the invention is in telemarking where it is necessary to keep one's place in a telephone book.

The accompanying drawings illustrate one embodiment of the invention and its use in marking a place in a book.

In Fig.1. a generally rectangular bookmark 10 is shown provided with securing means
11 in the form of a tab cut or punched out of the general body of bookmark 10.

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A movable means 12 is shown, which may be made out of the same material as the

remainder of bookmark 10. The movable means is provided with two cuts or punched

lines 13 and 14 so that the movable means may travel along the body of bookmark 10

when pushed with a finger. Numerals 15 and 16 indicate elongate edges of bookmark

10 which position movable means 12 at some desired point.

Fig. 2. illustrates the use of bookmark 10 with respect to book 20 and in particular page

21. In this case the movable means 22 is provided with an arrowhead 23 for greater

convenience in pointing to a desired line in page 21.

It should be realised that the embodiments described above are mere illustrations of

the invention, the full scope of which is to be understood from the general statement

of invention set out above.

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